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Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Joint Application of Duke Energy Carolina, LLC, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and Saluda River Cooperative, Incorporated to Amend the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for Catawba Nuclear Station
DOCKET NO. 2008-117-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10 (B) (Supp. 2007), the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") must be considered a party of record in all filings, applications or proceedings before the Commission unless or until it chooses not to participate. By this letter, ORS reserves its right to conduct discovery and reserves its right to a hearing in the above referenced matter. S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-320 provides that upon a thirty (30) day notice, all parties to a contested case must be afforded the right to a hearing.

ORS is charged with representing the public interest of South Carolina before the Commission and as such is reviewing the issues raised by this filing and will advise the Commission upon completion of its review.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds